

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 4 of page 8 has been amended as follows:

Fig. 3 is a ~~constitutional~~ composition table showing typical components of the special steel material;

Paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

The motor 1 has a rotor 2 (rotating or rotatable member), a stator 3 supporting it, and a hydrodynamic bearing portion 23 for rotatably holding the rotor 2 to the stator 3 by hydrodynamic pressure of oil.

Paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 15 has been amended as follows:

Next, the stator 3 (hollow member) is described.

Paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 15 has been amended as follows:

The stator 3 includes the sleeve 12 accommodating the shaft 6 and so on, an upper plate 33 fitted over the top end of the sleeve 12 and forming a ~~disk hollow portion 22~~ together with the sleeve 12 a disk hollow portion 22 (hollow interior portion of the hollow member 3), the coils 8 disposed on the outer surface of the sleeve 12, the end plate 11

forming the bottom portion of the sleeve 12, and a frame 20 disposed on the outer surface of the sleeve 12 and used to fix the motor 1 to a hard disk drive or the like. The sleeve 12 and upper plate 33 are made of the special steel material.

Paragraph beginning at line 17 of page 24 has been amended as follows:

Fig. 3 is a ~~constitutional~~ composition table showing typical components of the special steel material.

Paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 24 has been amended as follows:

As can be seen from the ~~constitutional~~ composition table, the special steel material is an austenitic stainless steel containing 0.20% C (carbon), 0.35% Si (silicon), 8.00% Mn, from 0 to 0.005% P (phosphorus), 0.15% S (sulfur), from 0 to 2.00% Ni (nickel), and 14.00% Cr. The remaining percent is substantially Fe (iron). Note that % means weight% herein. The special steel material contains no Pb (lead).

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 25 has been amended as follows:

The ~~Mn~~ Cr content of the special steel material is preferably from 12% to 16%, more preferably from 13% to 15%, and most preferably 14% by weight.

Paragraph beginning at line 4 of page 25 has been amended as follows:

Furthermore, the ~~Cx~~ Mn content is preferably from 6% to 10%, more preferably from 7% to 9%, and most preferably 8% by weight.